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Mail Stop Patent Application

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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

SPEECH RECOGNITION APPARATUS, SPEECH RECOGNITION METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

☒ Continuing Application

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application serial no. 09/804,354, filed March 12, 2001.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate predecessor.]

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification (44 pages)
- ☒ 7 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ 8 Claim(s) (including 3 independent claim(s))
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim

☒ Our check for \$ 770.00, calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

Basic Fee, \$770.00 (\$385.00)	\$ 770.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:	-0-
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$86.00 (\$43.00) each:	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$290.00 (\$145.00)	-0-
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☐ Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 -0-

☒ This application is being filed within the third month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application. This is a petition to request a three-month extension of time. A check (\$950.00) covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. A copy of this paper is being submitted in parent application Serial No. 09/804,354 as the Petition for Extension of time.

Patent Application Transmittal

(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b))

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X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney

 New signed unsigned

X Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

 Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address Change

X Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506. The new correspondence address is:

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X Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

X An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

 A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

 Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

 New formal drawings are enclosed.

X Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/804,354, filed March 12, 2001. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>In</u>
2000-069698	14 March 2000	Japan

Please charge any additional fees required for the filing of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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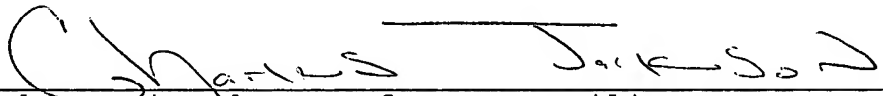
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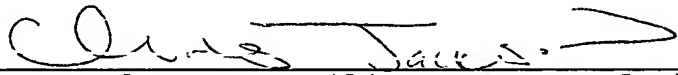
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A copy of the Declaration as filed in the parent application is also submitted with this Continuation Application. However, the declaration lists Applicants' Attorney's old address. Please change the Correspondence Address for this application to:

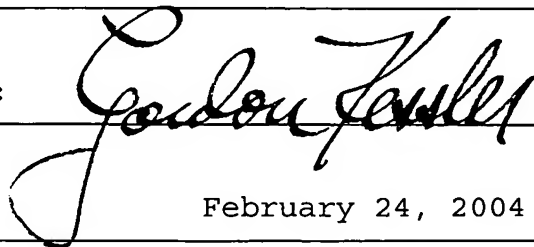
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